

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

**RESOLUTION 17-21**

**A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE (4) POLICE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT  
TO REPLACE 4 POLICE VEHICLES THAT ARE NO LONGER SERVICEABLE**

Introduced by: Councilman Calvin Washington

**WHEREAS**, the Town Charter, § 33-63(f) authorizes the Town to forego the normal procurement process through cooperative purchasing in certain cases where another government entity has already made a competitive purchase of said item and therefore the Mayor and Council may, without soliciting bids, purchase the item in question at the bid price from the successful bidder, if the Mayor and Council determines that the bid price is competitive, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Charter, § 33-63(g) further authorizes the Mayor and Council by a two-thirds vote to waive the competitive bidding requirements of said Charter section for good cause shown for sole source procurements of unique products and services, and that written findings as to the basis of such waiver shall be placed in the journal of the Council's proceedings, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Ordinance Code, § 20.4(a)(6) states that upon written findings entered into the journal, the Mayor and Council may exempt the purchase of a good or service from competitive selection processes when the purchase qualifies as a sole source procurement as a result of several circumstances including: One vendor is the only one qualified or eligible or is quite obviously the most qualified or eligible to provide the good or service or the procurement is of such a specialized nature or related to a specific geographic location that only a single source, by virtue of experience, expertise, proximity, or ownership of intellectual property rights, and could most satisfactorily provide the good or service, and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that it is prudent and necessary to purchase three (3) 2021 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles and one (1) 2021 Dodge Charger as replacement for the 2011 Chevrolet Impala with 176,000 miles, 2008 Ford Police Interceptor with 106,000 miles, 2014 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan which was totaled in a traffic collision and the 2019 Dodge Charger Pursuit which was also totaled, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to purchase four (4) replacement police vehicles from Chapman Auto Group 1100 Easton Road, Horsham 190044 through the 911Leasing.com Finance Company, 432A Frye Farm Road Greensburg, PA 15601 at the amount of \$128,788.00. Other municipalities have purchased items from Chapman Auto Group, and as such, is hereby considered to be quite obviously the most qualified or eligible vendor to provide the good or service and/or the procurement is of such a specialized nature or related to a specific geographic location that only a single source is reasonably available, by virtue of experience, expertise, and proximity, and

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**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to use Dana Public Safety 7337 Lockport Place Lorton, VA 22079, as a vendor to purchase and install all equipment, and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire enter into a five year contract with Axon Enterprises Inc for in-car cameras, body cameras, taser, and unlimited storage and to make year one of five payment (\$37,859.00) with a total price over 5 years \$286,367.10, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town insurance company Local Government Insurance and Trust (LGIT) has issued a check for the 2014 Ford Police Interceptor Sedan that was totaled in the amount of \$14,250.00, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town insurance company Local Government Insurance and Trust (LGIT) has issued a check for the 2019 Dodge Charger Pursuit that was totaled in the amount of \$29,875, and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer has certified that the funds are available under line item 7201 (\$14,250.00) and 7413 (\$10,907.61) and it has been verified that the Chapman Auto Group is a unique provider has made government sales, and the procurement is for items of a specialized nature in accordance with Section 20.4(a)(6) of the Ordinance Code for the Town of Forest Heights.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Town Council of Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby authorizes the Chief of Police or his designee to enter into a finance agreement with 911 Leasing.com to lease/purchase three police vehicles from Chapman Auto Group and the installation of all equipment by Dana Public Safety, for a price not to exceed \$ \$251,576.09 with 10% down (\$25,157.61) and payments to start April 1, 2022.

This transaction will proceed as further described herein and in the above recitals which are incorporated by reference herein.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

**PASSED** this 21 day of April 2021.

**APPROVED:** By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland.

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<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>	<u>YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT</u>
MUHAMMAD	<u>ABSENT</u>
KENNEDY II	<u>Yea</u>
MANN	<u>Yea</u>
BARNES	<u>Yea</u>
HINES	<u>Yea</u>
WASHINGTON	<u>Yea</u>
NOBLE	<u>Yea</u>

ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

By: Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

**SIGNATURE ON FILE**

By: Calvin Washington, Council President